



WORKSHOP

“The Black Diaspora and African American Intellectual History”

KEYNOTE

Race and Anti-Imperialism in Merze Tate’s International Thought

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Professor Merze Tate (1905-1996), an African American woman, pioneered in the fields of diplomatic history and international relations during her tenure at Howard University from 1942 to 1977. Trained at both Oxford and Harvard, Tate was one of the few black women academics of her generation. A prolific scholar with a wide-range of interests, her works covered the fields of disarmament, the diplomatic and political histories of the Pacific, and the role of railways and mineral extraction industries in the colonization of Africa.

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